

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### February 21, 2025

#### UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday, 02/21/2025	<b>Spirit Day - "Blue &amp; Gold"</b> <b>Glencoe Cares Day</b> After-School - Lego Explorers After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton <b>PTA Family Dance</b>	2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Monday, 02/24/2025		
Tuesday, 02/25/2025	After-School - Yoga Playgrounds	2:30pm - 3:30pm
<b>Wednesday, 02/26/2025</b>	<b>EARLY RELEASE</b> After-School - Circus Arts	<b>11:50am</b> 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Thursday, 02/27/2025	After-School - Adventures in Spanish After-School - Skyhawks Basketball	2:30-3:30pm/3:45-4:30pm 2:30pm - 3:45pm
Friday, 02/28/2025	After-School - Lego Explorers After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton	2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm
<b>Monday, 03/03/2025</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Teacher Planning Day	

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Community,

It was so nice to see everyone again this week after an unexpectedly longer weekend. The snow may have pushed off our community celebration, but we made up for it today! Students engaged in art projects, reflections about kindness, friendship, and caring in our community, and a whole-school photo to show off our new shirts! We ended the day with an all-school flop 'n read. The PPS Communications team was here to capture our celebration, and photos and videos will be posted across social media platforms soon for you to see!

February is always a difficult time of year, especially the past two, when PPS has faced multi-million dollar budget cuts. Soon I will receive my staffing report - information on what FTE Glencoe will have allotted for next school year. Though I want to remain hopeful, historically Glencoe has lost FTE each year, and given the budget deficit I want to be realistic. As soon as I have a full picture of what we are looking at for changes in staffing for the 2025-2026 school year, I will share the information with families in the newsletter.

I want to thank and appreciate everyone who was able to attend budget listening sessions, advocacy nights, and who have reached out to our legislators about the education budget. If you

are looking for more information, [this article](#) clarifies the key education bills in the 2025 Oregon legislative session. There is still time, and you can still reach out. We will continue to advocate for what our students deserve, and as always, we will do our very best to support students with the resources we are given through inclusive practices, caring, perseverance, and collaboration.

I hope you all have a good weekend, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

In appreciation,  
Katie

### **Black History Month**

This year's [Black History Month](#) theme is "African Americans and Labor," and is a powerful reflection on the pivotal role that the hard work of African Americans has had in shaping our country's history. If you are looking for ways to honor Black History Month locally, here is a [calendar](#) and more [events](#) that are going on around Portland in February.

### **Middle School Open House**

Glencoe 5th graders and their teachers made their annual trek to MTMS yesterday to meet the Principal and Counselors, current MS students, and to learn more about what to expect in Middle School. Principal Longo reported they were "the best group she has ever hosted for an event like this." Amazing!! We were so proud of the maturity and respect they showed.

If your 5th grader is Mt. Tabor Middle School-bound, please check out their Open House next week! Current Glencoe 5th graders and their families are invited to visit to hear more about the school, staff, and the MS program at MTMS. The event will be Thursday, February 27 from 6:00PM - 7:50 PM.



### **TAG**

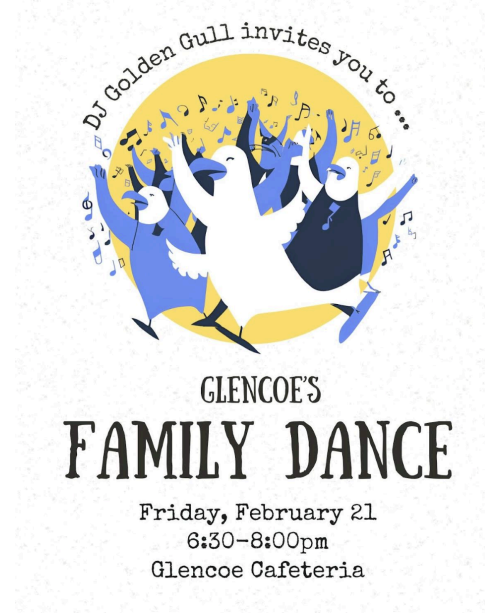
The Single Subject Acceleration for math application process will open March 1. Please visit the district [website](#) for more information about the process.

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## PTA NEWS

### **Family Dance! – TONIGHT!**

We're havin' a DANNNNNCE PARTYYYYYY! Meet us in the cafeteria for some tunes by DJ Golden Gull, fun decor, and light snacks on Friday, February 21st from 6:30-8pm. This event is FREE and the whole family is invited! Dancing is an important and helpful way to release stress and gain endorphins, which we're sure we could all use right now. 🤖 There will also be some board games out for a more mellow activity.



### **Volunteer Opportunities @ Glencoe**

Interested in volunteering to support our community? There are several needs to be met!

- [Glencoe's spring PPS/PTA Clothing Center shift](#) is coming up on **February 24**. *We did not fulfill our fall expectation, so it would be great to have a good showing this spring! This is a very tangible, hands-on way to help families in need and has been a rewarding, inspiring experience for past volunteers.*
- [Adopt the lost & found](#) at Glencoe for the month of March!

### **Buy Nothing Live – Wed March 12**

Glencoe Buy Nothing Live, an evening of giving and receiving clothes, books, toys, and small household items, is happening on March 12 from 5:30-7pm! Items can be for babies, kids, teens, or adults. Please bring items that are clean, in good working order, and in good condition. No need to bring anything to participate, please come find something new-to-you to take home! There are often lots of great leftover items that get donated at the end of the night. If you are interested in volunteering please sign up on Konstella.



### **Drama Club at Glencoe – Spring Registration now open!**

Join Portland Drama Club for their Spring production and drama class! This program is open to any student at Glencoe in grades 2-5. Rehearsals are Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:30-5pm from March 31-June 2, with an evening musical production at Glencoe on June 2. You can find more information and register [HERE](#).

### **Runner 2 Runner Track Clinic at Cleveland High**

Howard Lao, Track & Field Coach at Cleveland High School is holding a Track & Field clinic. "This is a good way for our high schools to be a role model for the youth, while giving the opportunity for elementary school athletes a chance to run. All skill levels welcomed. We will RUN - JUMP - THROW thru all the track events." [Check out their site](#) for more details.

**Runner2Runner**

**Run Jump Throw with Runner2Runner!**

*Give Your Child the Opportunity to Run, Jump, and Throw!*

Our Run Jump Throw Program is perfect for young athletes looking to develop new skills and have fun! With age-appropriate running, jumping, and throwing activities, your child will be challenged in an encouraging environment while building confidence and new friendships.

*Sign up today for a safe, fun, and rewarding experience that will spark your child's lifelong love of fitness and track and field!*

Runner2Runner.org

**Dates:** April 1st - May 9th  
**Days:** Tuesday & Friday  
**Time:** 5:30-6:30 PACIFIC  
**Location:** Cleveland High School  
 3459 SE 31st Ave, Portland, OR 97202

Contact: Howard@Runner2Runner.org

**Quick Links:** [PTA Website](#), [Facebook](#), [MemberHub](#)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LOST AND FOUND - SMALL ITEMS**

I have an overflowing collection of small lost and found items such as jewelry, small toys, keys, glasses, watches, etc. at my desk in the office. If your child is missing something, please check in with me. I may just have it in my collection!

### **LATINE STUDENT UNION & MULTIRACIAL STUDENT UNION (4TH & 5TH GRDS)**

This week 4th and 4th graders learned about two new racial affinity groups starting at Glencoe: The Multiracial Student Union (MRSU) and the Latine Student Union (LSU). These student groups are open to any 4th or 5th grader that identifies as Biracial/Multiracial and/or Hispanic/Latino. The MRSU will take place on Fridays during lunch. The LSU will occur on Tuesdays during lunch (beginning March 4). Student racial affinity groups can offer a safe space for students to explore and celebrate their racial identities and also increase their sense of belonging. As one 4th grader shared, "Affinity groups can let students know they are not alone."

Facilitated by Holly Wilson (Latina and Biracial), Instructional Coach at Glencoe. Questions? Please email Holly at [hwilson@pps.net](mailto:hwilson@pps.net).

### **STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Exchange students around the world have already been accepted for the 2025-2026 school year, and are anxiously waiting to see their American dream come true. Whether your family loves sports or arts, is always on the move or enjoys quiet time at home, we know there is an exchange student that will fit right into your life, home, and heart. If you are intrigued by the prospect of hosting an exchange student and wish to learn more about this enriching experience, click the link for more info: [Student Exchange Program Info](#).

### **FREE MOVIE SCREENING**

As a reminder, PPS is hosting a series of events aimed at starting productive conversations about what is possible in the systems we create for our children with disabilities.

As part of this series, **we are excited to welcome you to a free screening of [Including Samuel](#), which will take place at 6 PM on Wednesday, February 26 at [McMenamins Kennedy School](#).**

The film chronicles the life of the Habib family after Samuel is diagnosed with cerebral palsy and explores the family's journey of hope and perseverance as they battle cultural and systemic barriers to inclusion. Featured on NPR's "All Things Considered," "Good Morning America," as well as in the *Washington Post* and the *Boston Globe*, the film recently won the Positive Images in Media award from TASH, an international group committed to the full inclusion of people with disabilities, and the "Excellence Award" from Superfest International Film Festival in Berkeley, CA. You can learn more about Dan Habib's work [on his website \(https://includingsamuel.com/\)](https://includingsamuel.com/).

### **MESSAGE FROM THE GLENCOE LIBRARIAN**

Happy Weekend Everyone!

The Glencoe library is thrilled to welcome the author of the Mr. Wolf's Class series (and former Glencoe teacher), Aron Nels Steinke, on March 7th for an interactive presentation with several of our 3rd-5th grade classes. We'll engage in an author study to prepare and there's bound to be plenty of enthusiasm for reading his new middle grade graphic novel, *Speechless*. You can help us bring this inspiring opportunity to our community by [pre-ordering](#) an autographed copy for your student (or the library)! Follow these links to [learn more about the visit](#) and [watch the book trailer for Speechless](#).

Aubrey Pagenstecher  
Teacher Librarian

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH OPPORTUNITIES**

The Student Affinity Group Support Team shares these opportunities:

Black-serving organizations across the city are celebrating a **“Black, Black History Month”** this year by hosting a pop-up museum at The Horizon Enterprise Building in Old Town (**433 NW 4th Ave.**)

Old Town is one of the first neighborhoods where Black folks settled in Portland—the railroad brought families from out east in the late 1800s. It’ll be a pleasure to hold space in that same neighborhood as we celebrate Black life today. This is an everyday practice in our community, but we double-down in February.

We’ve curated a host of galleries, events and film screenings—**free and open to the public every Wednesday through Sunday this February, from 10am to 4pm.**

“Soul Conversation” is a panel discussion with members of Albina’s historic music community: Ken Berry, Mel Brown, JW Friday, Paul Knauls, Norman Sylvester, and Calvin Walker; it’ll be a fitting snapshot of the spirit of Black Portland—the same spirit we’re honoring, all month long.

Visit [“News and Events”](#) at [1803fund.com](http://1803fund.com) for more information (including how to volunteer in the space yourself!)

This event is sponsored by 1803 Fund, in partnership with:

- Albina Music Trust
- Alisa Wilbon
- Black Bald Films
- Center for Black Excellence
- Creative Homies
- The BLACK Gallery, curated by Don’t Shoot PDX
- Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon - MESO
- Oregon Black Pioneers
- Word is Bond
- North East Production
- Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church

## MUSIC



4th Grade Families: Students may use this [link](#) to access online resources for Link Up: The Orchestra Rocks.

## TAG



The Single Subject Acceleration application process will open March 1st. Please visit the district website for more information about the process.



## **LGBTQ+ SUPPORT**

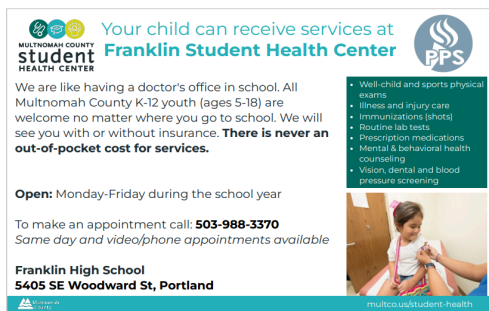
Are you a parent or caregiver wanting to learn more about supporting a young person in your life who is or could be LGBTQ+ identified? If so, this **updated guide** is for you: [LGBTQ+ Caregiver Guide \(English\)](#) [LGBTQ+ Caregiver Guide \(Spanish\)](#)

## **IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS FOR WINTER AT PPS**

At Portland Public Schools (PPS), the well-being of our students and staff are always our top priority. During the winter months, we often see an increase in illness, and we want to remind you of how we manage illness and work to prevent the spread of contagious diseases to keep everyone safe and healthy. Please see this [PPS Health/Safety Info](#) for current health/safety protocols.

## **FRANKLIN STUDENT HEALTH CENTER**

All Multnomah County K-12 youth (ages 5-18) are welcome at the Franklin Student Health Center no matter where you go to school. We will see you with or without insurance. There is never an out-of-pocket cost for services. Call for Appointments: 503-988-3370.



The flyer for the Franklin Student Health Center features the Multnomah County Student Health Center and PPS logos. It states that children can receive services at the center, which is located in a doctor's office in school. Services listed include well-child and sports physical exams, illness and injury care, immunizations (shots), routine lab tests, prescription medications, mental & behavioral health counseling, and vision, dental and blood pressure screening. The center is open Monday-Friday during the school year, and appointments can be made by calling 503-988-3370. The address is Franklin High School, 5405 SE Woodward St, Portland. A small photo shows a child being examined by a healthcare provider.

**multnomah county student health center** **PPS**

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Same day and video/phone appointments available

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## **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS**

[Safe Routes to Schools February Newsletter](#)

## **HEALTHY CHOICES BULLETIN**

[February Healthy Choices Bulletin](#)

## **PROGRAM FLIERS** *Highlighted items are new*

**Camps, Classes, & After School Programs:**

- VIBE PDX [Spring Break & Summer Art & Music Camps](#) (Mar. 3, Mar. 24-28, Jun. 16 - Aug. 29)
- USTA Spring [Tennis Afterschool Zone at Maplewood](#) (Apr. 8 - May 13)
- VIBE PDX [No-School Youth Sewing Classes](#) (Feb. 17, Mar. 3, Mar. 24-28)
- Cognizart [31st Annual Young Artists Debut! Concert & Showcase](#) (apply by Feb. 24 – Deadline extended again)
- VIBE of Portland [Music & Digital Art Classes for Kids](#)
- Portland Parks & Rec: [Teen Force at SW Community Center](#)

**Summer Camps:**

- VIBE PDX [East Winds Band Camp](#) (Jul. 21-25, 2025, recorded audition due Jul. 10)
- Cognizart [360Arts Summer Camps](#) (Jul. 7-11, 14-18, & 21-25)
- OSU [Summer Reading Program](#) (Jun. 14 - Aug. 16)

**Preschool Programs:**

- Multnomah Early Childhood Program [Peer Preschool Classes](#)  
([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Somali](#)) ([Korean](#)) ([Arabic](#)) ([Persian](#))
- Portland Parks [Preschool 2024-25](#)

**Community Events & Information:**

- Multnomah County [Common Application](#)
- City of Portland [311 Non-Emergency Hotline](#)  
([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Somali](#))

**Vaccinations, Health & Wellness:**

- Multnomah County Student Health Center [Immunization Catch-Up Reminder](#)
- [Oregon Health Plan & Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace](#)
- Multnomah County Free Community Vaccination Clinic (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays)  
([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Somali](#))
- Multnomah County Student Health Centers (*fliers in English, Russian, Chinese, and Vietnamese*):
  - o [Cleveland HS](#)
  - o [Franklin HS](#)
  - o [Jefferson HS](#)
  - o [McDaniel HS](#)
  - o [Roosevelt HS](#)